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Briefly

Old Newsboys tops \$145,000

A total of \$145,640 in donations to the Suburban Journal's 1990 Old Newsboys Day had been counted at Boatmen's Bank as of Monday. Every penny donated to Old Newsboys Day on Nov. 15 goes to agencies which work with children.

Residents who were unable to make a donation Nov. 15 can still send a check made out to the Old Newsboys Day Fund to: Old Newsboys Day, Suburban Journal of Greater St. Louis, 711 Delmar, Trail St., St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Over \$4.4 million was donated to Old Newsboys Day during its first 33 years.

Fish fry Friday

Icelandic codfish, jack salmon and catfish will be featured at a fish fry at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Johnson and Pontoon roads, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday.

Lights continuing

More than 150,000 lights are featured in this year's Way of Lights display which will continue from 5 to 10 nightly through Jan. 6 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 9500 W. Illinois 15, Belleville.

Tip of the hat



Erin Rotter of the Granite City debate team defeated Carbondale on a three-zero decision to become the 1990 USTA Tournament champion. Ruth and Bill Hill School in Park Forest, Ill., the team of Rotter, Robert Proffitt, Ricardo Davis and Chris Hill brought home the championship for the second time. Ron Pennell, department chairman of speech and theater, is the debate coach.

Deaths

Doris Adams
Joseph Besta
Reatha Briggs
Paul Connole
Ruth Crawford
Ruth and Bill Hill
Brittany Holmes
Isabel Hudgins
Vera Krizak
Jessica Maher
Ruth Parla

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GC Steel opens new continuous caster

\$140 million expansion

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Granite City Steel began operating its second continuous caster facility Saturday.

The facility was placed in use here in 1981.

"With the startup of the \$140 million second continuous caster, Granite City became the first major U.S. steel maker to cast 100 percent of the steel production, far above the domestic industry average of 60 percent," said Kemp Beall, vice president and general manager of the Granite City Division.

"The superior steel produced at Granite City will help us achieve our objective of becoming the best steel company in America," Beall added.

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County officials take office

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — There was a lot of swearing in the Madison County Courthouse on Monday morning as county officials took oaths of office.

Judge Charles Romani swore in Mayor Bob Churchich, County Clerk Evelyn Bowles and Treasurer John Shimkus.

Churchich began his second term and Bowles started her full term in office.

New to the scene is Shimkus, 32, of Collinsville, who defeated three-time incumbent Michael Michael Hause in the November general election. Shimkus is the first Republican to take over a county office in 10 years.

All the officials gave brief speeches following the oaths.

"I want to do the same good job in the next four years that I did in the first four," Churchich said. "I hope I didn't disappoint anybody."

Bowles was grateful for past support.

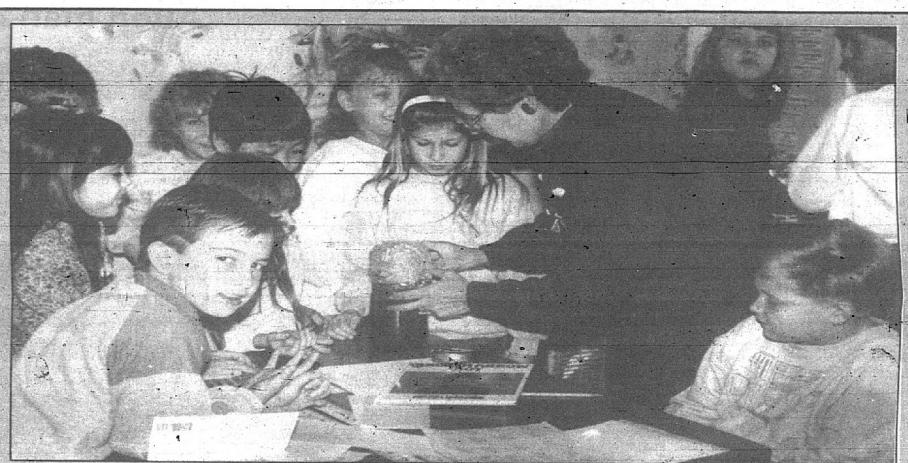
"I thank every one of you," Bowles told the crowd in the packed courtroom. "It's been a pleasure working with and for you."

Shimkus began his speech by thanking Henkhaus for his 12 years of service and followed with a pledge to do the best job possible.

At an open house held later in his office, Shimkus announced that three current deputy treasurers will remain. They are Leonard Chappell, Jane Leitner and Jim Velkis. A fourth deputy is as yet unnamed.

"They have numerous years of experience," Shimkus said. "I expect them to do a good job."

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THE GOOD PLANET: Mrs. Marlene Brandt's third grade students examine an exhibit donated by the Mid-America Aquacenter at a presentation given at Niedringhaus School in Granite City on Monday. (Staff photo by Bob Slate)

Aquacenter donates aquatic program

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — As a part of the community education program of Mid-America Aquacenter, Leonard Sonnenschein, president of the public school, recently presented an aquatic life program to third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students at Niedringhaus School on Monday morning.

Sonnenschein said the aim of the program was to help develop "scientific literacy" among young people.

The 45-minute program consisted of two videotapes which gave background information about the proposed aquacenter, a 90-minute presentation entitled "Good Planet, Bad Planet" and a question and answer period in which the students were encouraged to use a scientific method to create hypotheses and design their own experiments to confirm or disprove the hypotheses.

Sonnenschein said that this planet is 70 percent water, and that "water is life." He explained to the students that the water

people drink today is the same water that dinosaurs drank thousands of years ago.

"But," Sonnenschein said, "there is less water available to us now because of pollution."

Sonnenschein illustrated his point with a soda bottle he referred to as a "planet." He had partially filled the bottle with pond water.

He said the growth of algae and other micro-organisms in the bottle represented plant life, which provided food and oxygen

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Taracorp cleanup payment ordered by EPA

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The industries responsible for the Taracorp lead contamination have refused to pay retirement fund cleanup, so the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued a unilateral order demanding payment.

According to Steve Siegel, attorney for the EPA, the order was signed last week and sent out on Friday. He said the 49 industries identified as potentially responsible for the contamination have 45 days to reply.

The EPA plan calls for the collection of lead-contaminated material from alleys in Vicksburg and the removal of lead-contaminated soil from residential areas in Granite City and Madison in a 55-block area surrounding the Taracorp pile.

Any lead-contaminated material would be added to the Taracorp pile located at 15th and State Streets. The pile would then be permanently sealed.

Siegel said the industries now have 45 days to respond to the order. After that, he said, the EPA can either go to court to try to force the industries to pay or go ahead and clean up the site and recover

the costs in court later.

He said that if the EPA were to go ahead and clean up on its own, the law allows the agency to recover three times the cost of the cleanup and the industries could be fined up to \$25,000 a day.

Any delays to the cleanup process would be limited to the mandatory waiting periods, he said.

Siegel said the industries were sent specific rectification letters after the EPA signed its Record of Decision concerning the cleanup.

He said the industries had 60 days to submit "good-faith offers" for the cleanup

and then 60 more days to negotiate the details.

"What happened is that, after the 60 days, no good-faith offers were received," Siegel said. "We did receive three offers, but they were not determined to be in good faith."

Siegel said the "common thread" in the offers from the industries, from a group of former customers, was that Lead Recyclers, was refusal to agree to removal of all residential soil with a lead level of 500 ppm or more.

NL Industries, which paid for the remedial investigation of the contamination at

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Pontoon approves reduced tax levy

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

PONTOON BEACH — The Village Board decided Thursday it did not need to levy any property tax for the village's general fund next year.

The village will levy a tax of 10.67¢/sq. ft. to bring \$51,636 to pay retirement fund costs (\$41,300) and Social Security benefits (\$10,336) for village employees for the 1990-91 fiscal year.

In a public notice, published pursuant to the Illinois Open Meeting Act, the village had proposed a property tax levy totaling \$14,000 for the general fund, an increase of more than 1,270 percent over last year's tax levy extension of \$9,050.

But at the public hearing and special meeting held Thursday evening, it was brought to the attention of the trustees that several budget line

items had been counted two or three times to arrive at the proposed \$115,120 figure.

Upon reviewing the budget, Pontoon Beach residents Mike and Linda Municipal Retirement Fund and Social Security were itemized three times under "expenditures."

After correcting the figures and making new calculations, the board decided it did not need to levy any property taxes for the general fund.

The trustees then amended the agenda to include other than the stated purpose of the meeting. The vote to amend the agenda was 4-2. Trustees Bob Douglas and Marv Ribbing voted against the action.

Village ordinances require a consensus of all trustees to amend the agenda in a special meeting.

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Salute the servicemen

As a salute to those serving in the Persian Gulf, the Press-Record/Journal will publish a special page on Thursday, Dec. 20, listing the names of all military representatives from the Quad City area.

Readers can be a part of this tribute by simply sending the name, address, rank and unit of the person they know.

List the servicemen's connection to this area as well. (For example, he might not live in the area, but grew up here.)

Send the information to the paper, 1815 Delmar, Granite City, by Friday, Dec. 14.

For your convenience we have included the form below.

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**Kevin
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Barbie, Sans Ken, Lives As A Real Estate Agent

Government economists got together a few days back and announced that gee, yes indeed, it did seem as if the country might be in a little teeny-tiny recession after all. This wasn't exactly news to most folks, particularly most folks who've tried to sell a house lately.

There was a time, back in the good old days, like the '70s and '80s, when real estate had become the opiate of the masses. Anyone who could scrape up the down payment suddenly turned into an investment genius.

But things are a lot tougher these days. There's the same number of sellers, but a lot fewer buyers who can come up with the coin. Still, there are a few astonishing real estate success stories to be told. As a public service to everyone who wants to know the secret, we've put together today an exclusive interview with a young woman we'll call Barbie.

Barbie, a real doll, is selling thousands and thousands of knock-off copies of her home to young couples around the nation, particularly to the young couples who happen to be parents of little ones.

The statuesque 11½-inch, 31-pound-old beauty, heretofore known mainly for her physique and her wardrobe collection, has become a real estate tycoon of the first order.

Agent handling "Barbie's Magical Mansion" report that demand is tremendous. "I think you'd find near need to be a savings and loan executive and/or personal friend of a United States Senator to finance the \$349 list price."

"The secret is color-coordination," Barbie said when we caught up with her on the pillarized front porch of Barbie's Magazine Mansion. "You'll notice everything in my home is done in shades of pink."

It was hard not to notice. From the fuchsia roof with its tidy little sun deck to the rose-colored easy chairs in front of the fireplace, the entire four-room manse was pink or close to it.

"Alas, Barbie seems to be cooking for one. Her bedroom contains only a single bed, and though she has a fabulous bridal ensemble in her wardrobe, her lifelong companion, Ken, was nowhere to be found."

Barbie refused to comment on reports that Ken had changed his name to Dan a few years ago and taken up with a woman named Marlene and entered the same police force.

"We all outgrow relationships," she said. "Where is it written that a modern working woman must have a boyfriend to be happy? Ken and I remain good friends. Come, let me show you the living room."

It was a sitting room, with comfortable chairs and a lovely crystal chandelier. "Did I mention that the chandelier actually lights up?" Barbie said. "So do the room lights and the doobie, and the fireplace give off an actual flickering glow from an actual flickering fake fire. Of course, the purchase price includes eight AA batteries, two C-cell batteries and a nine-volt battery."

For \$349, it should.

"I know it sounds a bit steep," Barbie admitted, "particularly when the swimming pool and cabana must be purchased separately. But it's a good deal. When I bought it, it was \$500. Now there is a certain cachet to living in a celebrity home."

One thing the Barbie mansion does not include is a toilet. The bathroom is complete with tub and vanity, but alas, no toilet. Apparently, reality intruded only so far. Or perhaps the \$29.95 Bed & Outfit Kit I sold a few years ago.

"It is not a question of gentleman would ask," Barbie huffed.

We asked Barbie, a woman who at times has posed as an astronaut, a doctor, a nurse, a businesswoman, a McDonald's cook, and a covenor, how she came to be interested in real estate.

"It's where the bucks are," she said coyly. "I've been called a lot of things—empty-headed, plastic, a mini-bimbo. I had my wings with Ken. I had the pool and the motor home, and the car in the woods, and the Ferrari. I've been a flight attendant and a figure skater."

"But in real estate, I've achieved fulfillment. Where else but America could a girl like me grow up to charge level-headed men and women \$349 for a dollhouse? Is this a great country, or what?"

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What's New Coming In Your Journal

Salute to our servicemen

The Press-Record Journal will publish a page dedicated to those local fighting men and women stationed in the Persian Gulf. It will include the name, rank, unit and relationship of each of the soldiers to the Quad City area. The historical retrospective will be perfect for scrapbooks. Entries should be mailed to the paper at 1815 Delmar, Granite City, Ill. 62040 by Dec. 14. The page will be published Dec. 20 in order to give everyone a chance to say a prayer during the holidays.

Call it exploding hair

Pam Dooley-Hurd has been on the trail of trendy hair in recent weeks. What's hot and what's not? You'll see her photo essay on locks and curls in Thursday's Press-Record.

News

Loot worth \$4,000 taken in burglary

Granite City

A camcorder, a diamond ring and two weapons were among the loot taken in a burglary of the Leon Smith residence in the 2900 block of Washington Avenue.

The burglary occurred early Dec. 1. Smith said he awoke this morning and found the dining room had been searched, with drawers standing open and papers on the floor.

Smith apparently was gained by striking a side door at the residence with an object. Parts of the door and trim from inside the door were laying in a hallway.

Immediately determined to be missing was a camcorder valued at \$1,500, a wrist watch worth \$300, a diamond ring valued at \$500, a gold chain with an emerald and worth \$200, a vacuum cleaner valued at \$500, a .22 caliber chrome-plated Smith and Wesson handgun worth \$100, a Yamaha full-size electronic keyboard valued at \$300.

A video cassette recorder worth \$300, a 35 mm Canon camera valued at \$150, a pair of Bushnell binoculars valued at \$80, a ram and shotgun shells worth \$60, a Polaroid camera worth \$30, a 1934 \$20 silver certificate, a 1934 \$10 silver certificate, a .25 caliber Browning automatic handgun and \$200 cash.

Janis Lea Haney, 33, of Holiday Mobile Home Park, Granite City, was booked for battery at about 7 p.m., Nov. 30. Mary Burton said there were four credit cards, checkbooks and \$5 cash in the leather purse.

DUIs

Belleville man charged

Robert H. Linder, 38, of Belleville was arrested at 12:30 a.m. Nov. 30 and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

A Granite City police officer alleged that Linder was driving in the wrong lane on 27th Street as he approached Madison Avenue. After the car turned left, narrowly missing the curb, police halted the driver.

Linder was jailed pending \$102 cash bail.

5 traffic charges filed

A 60-year-old St. Louis man was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

James E. McGlown also was charged with driving while his license was revoked, illegal transportation of alcohol, disobeying a traffic control device and not wearing a seat belt.

A patrolman reported seeing a car traveling east on Niedringhaus Avenue, approaching Edison Avenue; it allegedly passed a red light, right turn, stopping and then making a U-turn and heading west on Niedringhaus until being halted by an officer at Niedringhaus and Delmar avenues.

Police reported finding an open bottle of whiskey in his car and also a plastic cup containing whiskey.

1:35 a.m. Dec. 1 following her arrest at Keith's Lounge, 2701 Washington Ave.

Larry Brown, 32, of Kirkpatrick Homes alleged he was standing in the lounge when he hit the lounge. A witness confirmed the allegation and Haney was charged.

Brown sustained two small cuts to the left side of the face, an officer said.

Served license warrant

Eugene Huelchen, 34, of the 2400 block of West 23rd Street was arrested by a Madison County deputy sheriff at 10:10 p.m. Nov. 30. At Eagle Park on Granite City's west side, Huelchen failed to appear on a charge of driving without a valid driver's license.

Purse with \$5 missing

A retired Edwardsville woman reported that her shoulder-strapped purse was lost or stolen between National Food and the Fashion Center on Illinois 3 and Bevans about 7 p.m., Nov. 30. Mary Burton said there were four credit cards, checkbooks and \$5 cash in the leather purse.

Man struck at tavern

Steven Monroe, 29, of Alton was arrested by Venice police at 8 p.m. Nov. 24 when he allegedly attempted an illegal U-turn on Wabash Avenue.

A computer check showed he was driving with a suspended license. He was then taken to the police station, where a search of him allegedly located a .30-caliber automatic pistol.

Police said that, after Monroe was booked, a second search resulted in the discovery in a shoe of a white, rocky substance believed to be crack cocaine.

Monroe was charged with possession of a controlled substance, unlawful use of a weapon, failure to possess a firearm owner identification card, driving with a suspended license and making an illegal U-turn.

He was released after posting \$3,300 bail.

Alton man booked for weapon, drugs

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BEING PREPARED: As part of a project for the 5th-grade class of Barbara Varadian at Parkview School, youths gathered up emergency supplies that would be useful in case of an earthquake. Shown are Kyle Briggs, left, and Eric Edwards. Today, in case you've forgotten, is the last in the five-day projection for a major earthquake along the New Madrid Fault by climatologist Iben Browning. So far, we've done OK.

Looking for gift? Try Humane Society

By Nicole Vaughn

EDWARDSVILLE — It's Christmastime and Ledy VanKavage is hoping that the Madison County Humane Society will be among shopper stops.

The Humane Society president said the group's "soft" adoption fees have 20 cats and 15 dogs for adoption. Among the adoptees are a purebred cocker spaniel, a few poodle mixes and some 4-month-old kittens.

"We've got some really wonderful pets," VanKavage said. "All we need are some wonderful homes."

More than 4,000 animals are adopted each year, she said.

Adopting an animal costs \$20 each for cats and \$40 each for dogs. The cost includes first shots and wormings for both cats and dogs, and a rabies shot and tag for dogs.

When the animals are spayed or neutered, which is required by state law, \$10 of the adoption fee is refunded.

Ledy says spaying and neutering are available through the generosity of seven veterinarians in the county, VanKavage said.

Adoptive owners also receive a collar and ID tag for their new pets, put on before they leave the shelter. That practice began last year.

"If the animal gets scared and runs away, the tag has the Madison County Humane Society name, phone number and address," VanKavage said.

"We've reunited several pets with their owners because of it." With Christmas less than three weeks away, VanKavage encourages people to not buy for their owners and pets a chance to get acquainted before the hustle and bustle of the holidays. A good opportunity to do so, she said, will be Saturday's "Adopt-A-Dog Day" will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sea World, on Illinois 111 in Wood River.

The humane shelter, Illinois 140, in Marion, opens at 1 p.m. from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Those who can't adopt an animal would like to help the Humane Society can do so through a donation to the group's building fund. The group currently rents space from the county, but had but a fund drive in July 1989 to establish its own building.

"Three dog runs and nine cat cages" just are not enough capacity, VanKavage said.

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Donations may be sent to the Madison County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1, Edwardsville, Ill. 62025.

The county may donate one acre of land next to the existing pound for the new shelter, VanKavage said.

Many of the cases are more than one company, however, and could proceed against the remaining defendants. The federal order has no effect on cases not involving Manville, Riley said.

The federal court order is designed to provide time to restructure the financially strapped trust fund that was set up during Manville's bankruptcy reorganization in 1989. Manville, one of the leading producers of asbestos products, was forced into bankruptcy by asbestos injury claims.

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Court halts trial of cases regarding asbestos injury

By Terry Hillig
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — Asbestos-injury cases involving the Manville Corp. have been halted by a federal court order.

Many of the 3,000 asbestos-injury cases pending in the 3rd Judicial Circuit involve the Manville Corp., but none is now before a judge.

U.S. District Judge Jack B. Weinstein and Judge Burton Lifland ordered a stay of all trials of litigation against Manville's personal injury settlement trust.

The order, which was filed Nov. 23 in Brooklyn, N.Y., will keep any legal actions against Manville, except appeals, from starting or continuing.

Manville is a defendant in a majority of the cases pending here, according to Judge Paul Riley, who manages the asbestos docket in the 3rd Circuit.

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Woodward formerly worked at General Steel Industries in Granite City.

Also awarded damages were four men who worked at Amoco Oil Co. in Wood River: John Koenig, 65, of Wood River, \$1 million punitive damages and \$188,500 actual damages; Harry Renau, 66, of Cottage Hills, \$1 million punitive and \$322,500 actual damages; Clarence Ganger, 63, of Gillespie, \$1 million punitive damages and \$415,000 actual damages; and Herman Davis, 63, of Wood River, \$1 million punitive damages and \$300,000 general damages.

Four other plaintiffs were awarded no damages.

In another case, seven plaintiffs reached out-of-court settlements with Owens-Illinois Inc., Pittsburgh Corning Corp. and General Refractories Co. Settlement amounts were not disclosed.

Those plaintiffs, all current or former employees of Laclede Steel Co., Alton, were Peter Belkin, 72, of Brighton; Garner Norvell, 63, of East Alton; Frederick Schell, 63, of Wood River; James Stephenson, 50, of Bethalto; Barbara Dombek, 58, of Alton; James Zieke, 56, of East Alton; and the estate of Leo Kraushaar of Alton, who died in January.

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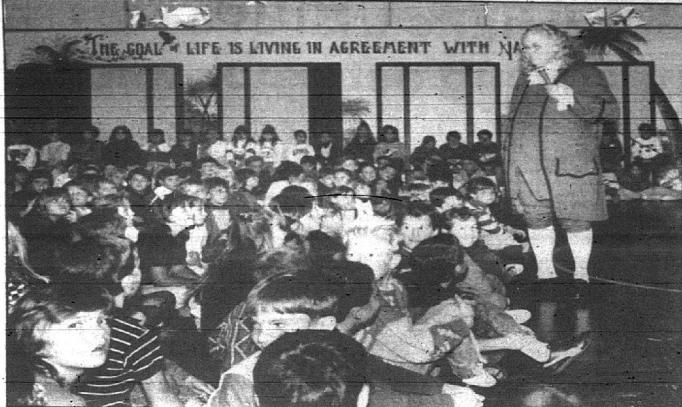
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IS IT REALLY HIM?: Students at Maryville School listen to Ben Franklin, alias Robert Bray of Waukesha, Wis., relate stories about his life. (Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

Holiday Adopt-a-Pet Day slated Saturday by County Humane group

Want a Christmas kitten or holiday hound? The Madison County Humane Society, 656-4405, plans Adopt-a-Pet Day on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at See's World on Illinois 111 in Wood River. Cat adoptions are \$20 and dog adoptions are \$40, including a tag, collar and leash.

A wide variety of puppies, kittens and some purebreds is available. Many of the older homeless animals have been neutered or spayed, and all have been inoculated and wormed.

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A SURPRISE VISITOR FROM THE PAST: Benjamin Franklin brought along the key he used in his electricity experiment when he talked with students at Maryville Elementary School on Nov. 28. Franklin, also known as Robert Bray of Waukesha, Wis., travels to about 180 schools during the year, bringing children closer to history. He advises students to do their best in school, read and listen to their parents and teachers.

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101st Airborne plans reunion in Tennessee

Airborne soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division—who helped to shape history in Operation Market Shield in Saudi Arabia, at Normandy, Bastogne and in Holland during World War II, and in Viet Nam—will have their 46th annual "Gathering of the Eagles" in the 101st Airborne Division Association in Sparks, Nev.

Hosts for the reunion are the Northern California and the Southern California chapters of the Association.

Reunion chairman is Clark Heggeman of Long Beach, Calif., who served in the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the "Screaming Eagle" Division in World War II.

The reunion will be in Sparks (near Reno) Aug. 13-17.

John Ascuaga's Nugget will serve as the head-

quarters hotel. Attendance is expected to be 1,200.

National headquarters for the 101st Airborne Division Association is in Sweetwater, Tenn. At this location, all records of the association and its members are kept, and a magazine, "The Screaming Eagle," is published six times a year and distributed to all members.

The 101st Division Association has more than 5,200 active members from all 50 states and six foreign countries.

Many of the members served in the Division in World War II and dropped behind the German lines of France, made a paratrooper assault on southern Holland, held fast at Bastogne to stop the last German offensive in the Battle of the Bulge, continued the offensive into Germany and captured

Hitler's Eagles Nest in Berchtesgaden, Austria.

Many in the membership are veterans of the war in Viet Nam. They fought with the "Screaming Eagles" at Hamburger Hill, Dak To, in the Tet offensive, and other important engagements with the North Vietnamese Army.

The reunion will be in Sparks (near Reno) Aug. 15-17.

members who are assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), over 17,000 strong, in Saudi Arabia as part of the multinational task force that made up Operation Desert Shield.

Every individual who served in the 101st Airborne Division and wore the "Screaming Eagle" airborne shoulder patch can be a regular member of the Association.

Those who did not serve in the division but have a special interest in the 101st are associate members.

For more information about the 46th annual reunion or membership in the Association, write to:

Ivan Worrell, executive secretary, 101st Airborne Division Association, 101 E. Morris Street, Sweetwater, Tenn. 37874, or phone (615) 337-4103.

Gala in '91 to tout B-26

The B-26 Martin Marauder twin-engine medium bomber had a record of bomber and fighter aircraft.

A new nationwide organization, the B-26 Marauder Historical Society, has been formed with George W. Parker of Columbia, Mo., as president.

Parker announced earlier this year that the Historical Society is sponsoring the 50th anniversary of the B-26 field in Baltimore, Md., in April.

The gala is for the purpose of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the delivery of the first B-26 to the Army Air Corps in 1942.

The Society is attempting to reach all who have had any connection with the B-26, including pilots, crew members, members of groups and squadrans, and those who designed, helped build, inspect and maintain the aircraft.

More information may be obtained from George W. Parker, P.O. Box 1051, Columbia, Mo. 65285.

Military

Air Force seeks 30,000 more for assignments worldwide

The U.S. Air Force has immediate openings in a wide range of technical and non-technical specialties for high school graduates.

Men and women ages 18 to 26 are needed for assignments worldwide.

"This year, the Air Force will need over 30,000 new members to join our team," said Lt. Col. Kenneth Emery, commander of the 3345th U.S. Air Force Recruiting Squadron, headquartered in St. Louis.

"We need young men and women who are ready to meet the challenges and accept the rewards of an Air Force career."

Career opportunities are available for qualified applicants in electronic, mechanical, administrative and general skill areas.

"The Air Force has more career-starting positions available this year than in the last two years," said Emery.

"Opportunities now are better than ever."

For more information about Air Force opportunities, contact a local recruiter or call 1-800-423-USA4.

Air Force nurse recruiter assigned

Air Force Lt. Col. Kenneth C. Emery, commander of the 3345th U.S. Air Force Recruiting Squadron, St. Louis, recently announced the assignment of Staff Sgt. Sarah Poelker as the Air Force nurse recruiter for this area.

Poelker is responsible for all nurse program recruiting and graduate nursing scholarships.

She also has responsibility on other health profession officer commanding programs such as the Medical Corps and Dental Corps.

Poelker's office is located at 111 E. Vandalia, Room 3, Edwardsville.

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Special dance Dec. 8 to honor 'Ring'

The Hoedewomers Square Dance Club, Wood River, will hold a special dance on Dec. 8 to honor the club founder, Lucien "Ring" Ringering.

"Ring" as he is known to area square dancers, and his wife, Marge, began teaching square dancing in the late 1940s.

Their classes included people from Alton, East Alton, Roxana, Godfrey, Bettendorf, Jerseyville, Edwardsville, Granite City and many other area communities.

Some of the graduates later told "Ring" that there weren't

any dances held in their immediate area. To solve this problem "Ring" enlisted the aid of several couples and the club came into existence, holding its first dance in the fall of 1948.

At the same time, the club holds the distinction of being the oldest continuously active square dance club in the St. Louis area.

Ringering continued teaching the square dance until the mid-60s when — after his election as mayor of Wood River — time constraints forced him to give up future classes.

The club is endeavoring to contract as many area square dancers as possible, particularly those who were in "Ring's" classes, to invite them to this special dance.

The club realized that many of these people may no longer be actively dancing and are planning the program for the evening to be entertaining for all attending.

Keith Eddinger, the club's current caller/teacher, along with Orville Clayton and Don McConnell, will furnish the square

dances calling for the evening and Larry Weiss and Joe Kochan will cue the round dancing.

Anyone seeking more information about this evening, or interested in learning square dancing, should contact the club president, at 931-6219, or Keith Eddinger or wife Naomi, at 259-4849.

The dance will start at 7:30 p.m. at the club's normal location, the Wood River Round House, 633 N. Wood River Ave.

Evans to be at working women's confab

The talented movie and television star Linda Evans, best known as Krystle Carrington on ABC's long-running TV series "Dynasty," will be the celebrity speaker at the Working Women's Survival Show at 6 p.m. on Feb. 23. Her hour-long presentation is titled "Conversations with Linda Evans."

Considered one of the most beautiful women in the country, Evans has won five People's Choice Awards for favorite female performer and a Golden Globe Award for best actress in a dramatic television series.

A highlight of her film career was co-starring with Steve

McQueen in "Tom Horn."

Evans will appear at the national spokesperson for the Clairol company, and is the honorary chairperson for President George Bush's environmental program "Take Pride in America."

Show producer Geti Kroon stated, "We are delighted to bring such a dynamic woman as Linda Evans to our mainstage. Linda's show attracted over 60,000; we think the 1991 show is shaping up to be even bigger and better."

The 1991 Working Women's Survival Show will take place Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Feb. 22-24, at the Corventes Convention Center, St. Louis.

The "Women of News Channel 5" will present this year's fourth annual show, which will include, for the first time, KSDK's "Fit for Life" health pavilion.

National Sunflower Festival of Foods, a major attraction at last year's show, will include more than 200 booths of free food sampling and new products. 600-plus exhibitors will showcase their products and services this year, and the working women will gather their careers and homes. There will be more than 80 workshops offered in the meeting rooms at the center.

Contestants were presented with a certificate.

Winners in the 7-year-old group were:

Sit-ups and push-ups — Randy Whitehead, Pack 28; Adam Wagner, Pack 12; Brian Cobb, Pack 12.

Softball throw, broad jump, and 50-yard dash — Brian Cobb, Randy Whitehead, Devin Isaak.

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Pack 12. Overall winners, 7-year-olds: Brian Cobb, Devin Isaak, Adam Wagner.

Winners in the 8-year-old group were: Sit-ups — John Vasques, Pack 28; Kevin Atkins, Pack 103; Jarod McMillian, Pack 141; Bryan Moseley, Pack 28; Josh Peacher, Pack 141; Randy Kunkel, Pack 103; Matt Pistorius, Pack 103; Randy Kunkel, David Haynes, Pack 19.

Push-ups — Adam Schillinger, Pack 141; Doig Caughron, Pack 141; Jarod McMillian, Adam Schillinger.

Softball throw — Chris Cobb, Pack 12; Danny Dixon, Pack 103; Matt Whitehead.

Broad jump — Don Caughron, Bobbie Boslett, Pack 103; Tom Hayes, Pack 103; Matt Pistorius, Randy Kunkel, David Haynes, Pack 19.

50-yard dash — Josh Peacher, Michael Hopkins, Pack 103; Randy Kunkel.

9-year-old overall winners: Don Caughron, Jarod McMillian, Adam Schillinger.

10-year-old overall winners: Don Caughron, Jarod McMillian, and Chris Cobb. 10-year-old winners:

Josh Peacher, Randy Kunke, and John Vasques.

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Central Christian announces holiday events

Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road, is announcing its services for the month of December leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

Last Sunday the first candle of Advent was lit by Mark, Andrea, and Alyssia Scott during the traditional worship service known as the "Hand of God."

On Dec. 9 the church will celebrate "peace and hope" as depicted in the passages of Isaiah in the Old Testament. Laura Anne will sing the solo sweet after Jesus' birth, and the children's choir will sing "Gloria In Excelsis" under the direction of Joe Hanson. The second candle of Advent will be lit.

Dec. 16 is referred to as the

"rose" Sunday because of the color of the third Advent candle. Special music by the choir will be an arrangement of "God Rest You, Merciful God."

This afternoon an open house will be held at the minister's residence with friends calling between 2-3 p.m. The short film, "Kinder's Christmas," starring Jimmie Stewart will be shown at 2:30 and 4 p.m.

Dec. 23, Christmas Sunday, will begin with a 9:30 a.m. breakfast for church friends and relatives. The 20/20 Class of young people is sponsoring this activity.

The meal will be followed by a cantata, "Heaven Rejoices," by Ken Parker and presented by

the chancel choir beginning at 10:45 a.m. The choir is under the direction of Joe Hanson with Judy Anthus as the organist/pianist. There will be a piano solo and the percussionists will be Marty and LeAnne Aerne.

Soloists for the performance will be Lois Bilevay, Jim Turner, Joe Hanson, Marlene Hayes, Madge Hanson, Myra Parrish, Mike Graves, and Laura Aerne.

Additional members of the choir are Margaret Turner, Jean Tamayo, Doris Edwards, Muriel Collins, Helen Lummus, Manuel Tamayo, Paul Pulaski, Warren Collins, Chuck Combs, and Pat Collins.

Several living pageant scenes have been developed by Jean

Tamayo and Helen Stumpf of the worship committee to accompany the cantata.

On Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. a special service will be held to celebrate Christmas as a family of faith.

In addition to the singing of traditional carols, the highlight of the service will be a "Family Christmas Story." Major participants will be David Parrish, Dr. Manuel Tamayo and the children of the church.

This service is designed to make it convenient for persons to be in church but still have time for their families afterwards.

Tamayo is the minister, at Central Christian.

Office group sees 'Grease,' takes tour

en before attending the play "Grease," a 1950s rock 'n' roll musical.

Hostess for the evening's arrangements was Sharon Parker, secretary at Wilson Elementary School.

A short business meeting was conducted by Betty Grote, president.

Births

Matthew C. Maurer

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maurer of St. Louis, formerly of Granite City, are announcing the birth of their second child, a son, born at 2:58 a.m. on Nov. 19, 1990, at St. Louis Hospital, St. Louis.

The infant has been named Matthew Charles. He weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

The mother is the former Cindy Strohede.

Paternal grandparents are Maryann Maurer of Madison, Ohio, and the late John Maurer.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Connie Strohede, who own and operates a chiropractic clinic in Granite City.

Emil and Loretta Strohede of

Lake Ozark, Mo., and Louis Fitter of Chesterfield, Mo., are the maternal great-grandparents.

Matthew joins a sister, Stephen, 18 months.

Nicholas Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Remy Gordon-Smith, Granite City, are parents of a boy born at Anderson Hospital, Maryville, on Nov. 23, 1990.

The infant has been named Nicholas Todd. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

The mother is the former Linda Tanner.

Maternal grandparents are Carol Atwood of Collinsville and Gerald Tanner of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gordon-Smith of O'Fallon.

The couple has one other child, Holly, 9.

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Items for the organizations page, which includes both clubs and churches, may be directed

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Marquette High names honor list

The following students have been placed on Marquette High School's high honor roll for the first quarter:

Seniors:
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Juniors:
Kendra Allaband, Todd Berghoff, Jennifer Doody, Jill Fair, John Hack, Billy Heintz, Michael Hein, Amy Kane, Mary Klasner, Aimee LeClair, Edward McNamara, Maria Morales, Rhonda Rue-Wilson, Dennis Shea, Julie Smith, Jill Steinbrueck, Eric Totten, Mark Sophomores:

Michael Davenport, Mary Kienstra.

Freshmen:
Lisa Costa, Lisa Hellring, Shana Jones, Robyn Lahllein, Brian Lombotton, Chris Malmvik, Joshua McKey, Amy Peipert, Matthew Wegener, Mary Youngberg.

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Seniors:
Megan Carrow, Melissa Cheek, Scott Cooke, Michelle Davis, David Dooling, Carolyn Elocer, Julie Hack, Cecilia Haine, Mamiko Hashimoto, Timothy Heitzig, Ryan Hicks, Nicole Kennedy, John Kessler, Brad Lynn, Kathryn McClinton, Philip Meredith, Bridget Solon, Kevin Swinney, Jason Vonnahmen, Amy Waters, Kathryn Wais.

Juniors:
Casey Altom, Kelly Barrett, Jennifer Bayer, Angie Berghoff, Bradley Bohannon, Shelia Bolling, Scott Borman, Matthew Costello, Alan Costello, Shanta Crawford, Cheryl Croxton, Kevin Groppe, Lori Huber, Amy Koenig, Tonya Lopez, Jodi Metz, Kara Mikoff, Toscha Minter, Edward Minter.

Kristina Narup, Kendra Poole, Victoria Rich, Jason Roloff, Richard Sebold, Michael Sholar, Craig Sutton, Ronnie Walter, Meredith Yost.

Sophomores:
Sam Arnold, Adam Barr, Beth Bartosik, Ryan Brown, Gretchen Bucher, Jennifer Damm, Stephen Dickinson, Timothy Fahnestock, Stephen Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Gibbons, Keith Groppe.

Jenny Hagen, Timothy Kessler, Melanie Lamere, Robert Mogi, Joe Schmid, Holly Phegley, Amie Prantus, Cory Reiter, Jennifer Roman, Christopher Seger, Michael Steiner, Joanne Velkis, Jon Wagnon.

Freshmen:
Leo Dion, Chris Ervin, Amie Gernigan, Daniel Gibbons, Jennifer Goss, Kim Hart, Klockenkemper, Jason Kruegel, Gerry LeClair, Melinda Miller.

Christopher Murphy, James Newton, Allison Papa, Andrea Payne, Alison Richards, Mary Roberts.

George Schank, Susan Schwartzkopf, Adrienne Spencer, Christina Taylor, Jonathan Tuetken, Olivia Voils, Michael Vollmer, Amy Weisman, David Zorger.

SIUE lists fee deferment schedule

EDWARDSVILLE. — The Office of Student Work and Financial Assistance at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has announced the fee deferment schedule for winter quarter.

Office hours for deferments will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. the days of Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 14-15. During the first week in January, office hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 2-3, and from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4.

During the week of Jan. 7-11, office hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 7-8, and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. the remainder of the week.

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 14-15, office hours will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For the convenience of students attending weekend classes, the Office of Student Work and Financial Assistance will be

Student PR club wins national honors

CARBONDALE — Public relations students at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale have returned to campus from New York City with top national honors in the competition of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

SIU-C's chapter of the society won the 1990 Outstanding Chapter award and Outstanding University Chapter.

"It was something else, especially winning two," said Joseph D. Casher, one of the club's vice presidents. "I practically fell off my chair."

National judging is based on a scrapbook that details academic year activities.

All 1990 awards were based on work completed in the 1989-90 academic year.

Siwula said SIU-C's chapter earned points for efforts to

recruit and retain new members and for putting together a regional conference at SIU-C last February.

Three SIU-C chapter members won national chairman's citations for service to the university and local PRSSA groups.

They are Siwula, daughter of Susan Siwula and Larry Siwula of Lindenhurst; Cheryl Joellenbeck of New Baden, daughter of John and Luan Joellenbeck; and Andrew B. Simon of Ossining, Ky., daughter of Pam and Shelly Simon.

SIU-C faculty advised Michael G. Parkinson, who served as PRSSA's national council adviser during the coming year, consulting with student chapters across the nation.

SIU-C's club is sponsored by the St. Louis PRSA branch.

Members of SIU-C's student chapter include Jennifer L. Kuler of Granite City.

2 earn scholarships

Doug Johnson and John White of Venice both received Aurora University Spartan scholarships for the 1990-91 academic year.

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TIME TO PAINT: Anne Smith, second from left, last president of the Belleville Area Arts Council, and Susan Young, director of the Child Sitting Service at the Belleville Campus of Belleville Area College, watch children paint. The children, from left, are Brittany Moss, 4, daughter of Pamela Moss of St. Jacob; Lora Tracy, 6, daughter of Douglas and Hyun Kyoung Tracy of Scott Air Force Base, and Andrew Ezzell, 5, son of Dawn Ezzell of Columbia.

Arts council, now disbanded, gives puppets, books, videos

The Belleville Area Arts Council completed a decade of service to the community by awarding its residual funds to promote the awareness of the Belleville Area College Child Sitting Service.

"We're delighted to conclude our service to the community by continuing to serve children," said Anne Smith.

Smith was the last president of the council.

The gift, approximately \$1,200, will provide rhythm band instruments and such things as video tapes, children's books, pictures and puppets.

Smith will provide a tabletop stage for plays and story time.

More than 60 children of Belleville Campus students attend the center daily while a parent is in class.

"This will be a tremendous boost for our program," said Susan Young, Child Sitting Service director.

The grant will be made to the Child Sitting Service through the College's Foundation.

The Belleville Area Arts Council was organized in September 1980 by 10 organizations and 25 individuals.

The first year it provided two major theater productions. In 1982, the Council sponsored

its first Fine Arts Festival and published an arts newspaper.

The following year it began bringing artists directly to area schools in a program called Artweek.

A three-car train exhibit of music and the arts, dubbed "The Art Train," was sponsored by the Council in 1989.

The Council's final arts programs in the schools occurred in 1989.

The Council was dissolved in January 1990.

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JB Bridge opens 6 months early

By Kevin Easter
Staff writer

COLUMBIA — Mayor John Coats said the opening of the eastbound span of the Jefferson Barracks Bridge on Monday will break down barriers between Missouri and Illinois.

He also said that with both spans of the bridge now open across the Mississippi River, southeastern Illinois is experiencing growth.

Coats made the remarks during an opening ceremony for the eastbound span of the bridge on Monday morning.

The Columbia mayor was one of several speakers at the ceremony. Others included Missouri and Illinois transportation and highway officials, local officials from both states, the engineers and workers who built the bridge, and the public.

Coats said, "I have a lot of people from Missouri come to Illinois and enjoy our opportunities."

The new bridge and approach spans on the Missouri side were completed six months ahead of schedule. Engineers and workers on the bridge said all along that they would like to have it open by Christmas, and they accomplished their goal three weeks before the holiday.

The new bridge completes the Interstate 255 and Interstate 270 circumferential highway around the bi-state St. Louis metropolitan area.

The new span of the bridge is 4,019 feet long and includes a 910-foot tied arch main span over the river. The westbound span was completed in 1984.

The entire project cost \$78 million.

Transportation officials said 34,800 motor vehicles currently use the Jefferson Barracks Bridge daily.

The final span of the bridge was opened on Dec. 3, the day that an earthquake was predicted to happen. The engineers who built the bridge said not to worry — it was built to be earthquake resistant.

The opening ceremony and ribbon cutting were sponsored by the Oakville, Mehlville and Concord Village Chamber of Commerce.

The Mehlville, Mo., High School Marching Band members were the first persons to traverse the bridge, on foot, playing two songs, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" and "Las Gallos." The band was followed by the crowd that had gathered to watch the opening.

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• Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pickpockets are out in full force during the holidays, so shop in shopping malls, on public transportation, and on the street. If you must carry cash, place it in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.

• When making credit card purchases, make sure the card is used to print on one slip only. Always ask for a tear-off copy of the slip, so it can't be cut and slip. A crook can take the carbon from the trash, copy the number and use it for mail-order or telephone purchases.

• Don't leave too many packages when shopping. Always be able to respond to a personal threat and keep an eye on your belongings.

• Put packages in the trunk of your car and lock it. This keeps the packages out of view and safer.

• Teach children to go to a casting for help if they get lost in a store or shopping mall. Children should never go to the parking lot or the car by themselves.

• Be careful with charitable donations. Look out for charities whose names are similar to a popular charity. If you are unsure about the legitimacy of a group, ask for a brochure or other documentation describing the charity and how its funds are used.

• Be suspicious of charities that accept only cash. And when sending a check, make it out to the organization, not to an individual.

• When a solicitor telephones, offer to mail your donation. Don't give your credit card number over the telephone.

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The fines will be paid by the company's stockholders.

In the letter notifying the utility of the proposed penalties, the NRC expressed the need for increased management attention and better communication of administrative controls.

A. Bert Davis, the NRC's regional administrator, also recognized the plant's卓著的 performance and reduced the overall amount of fines for three violations.

In late January, a field engineer performing routine measurements noted that a line of cooling water through several room air coolers did not parallel design specifications for the unit. The situation was corrected, the problem was determined three weeks later, in a review of the engineer's findings, and traced to a design deficiency with a vendor of the cooling system.

The situation did not affect the safe operation of the plant.

The NRC proposed a fine of \$20,000 for the delay in pinpointing the problem and determining its cause.

A related citation encompassed the problem of water flow in valves, which were below design specifications. However, the NRC proposed no penalty because of the company's complete and extensive action to reanalyze and test the cooling water system.

The NRC assessed a \$62,500 fine for a mistake made while realigning the cooling system for one of the plant's emergency diesel generators. The valves incorrectly positioned a series of valves, limiting water flow through the diesel's coolers, which continued for one day before tests identified the error.

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Obituaries



Vera Krizak

Krizak

Vera (Rappis) Krizak, 85, of New Baden, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died at 10:22 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 1990, in an emergency room at the Scott Air Force Hospital, Belleville.

Born March 17, 1905, in Budapest, Hungary, she lived in New Baden for the past two years. Prior to that, she had lived in Granite City.

She and her late husband owned and operated the Acme Grocery Store in Granite City for 15 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Leonard (Dorothy) Koliote of Madison and Virginia Milcic of Affton; one brother, Gus Rappis of Granite City; one sister, Sister Julia Rappis of Florissant; four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, who died Aug. 28, 1978, and one daughter, Theresa Gushleff Clement, who died Feb. 19, 1988.

Visitation was held from 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with a 6:30 p.m. Rosary. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday) at St. John the Baptist Church, 10th Street and Alton Avenue, Madison, with the Rev. James Keefner officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested for the church.

Crawford

Ruth G. (Walker) Crawford, 60, of Boulder Junction, Wis., formerly of Granite City, died suddenly Saturday morning, Dec. 1, 1990, in Boulder Junction.

She was born Oct. 10, 1930, in Granite City and resided here all her life until moving to Boulder Junction in 1974. She was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include her mother, Anna (Hols) Walker of Granite City; one son, Forrest G. Crawford of Boulder Junction; a brother, Theresa Pitts of Granite City; two brothers, Jerry Walker of Granite City and Dennis Walker of Richmond, Va.; and two grandchildren. Visitation will be today (Wednesday) from 5 to 8 p.m. with a 5 p.m. prayer service at Irwin Chapel, 3360 Maryville Road. A funeral Mass will be conducted at 9 a.m. Thursday at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2600 Washington Avenue, by the Rev. Bill Fauth, pastor. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Belleville. Memorials are requested for the American Heart Association.

Adams

Doris M. (Gibson) Adams, 67, of St. Louis, formerly of Granite City, died at 7:16 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, 1990, at her home.

Born Dec. 30, 1922, in Granite City, she lived in St. Louis for 40 years.

She was employed at Bethesda General Hospital for 35 years as an assistant dietitian. She was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include two brothers, Dr. Gibson and Dr. Lee Gibson of Edwardsville, and two sisters, Opal Skipper of Granite City and Mrs. Nick (Carolyn) G. Wilfert of St. Louis.

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Connole

Paul H. Connole, 75, of Fairview Heights. Formerly of Madison, died of pneumonia on Saturday, Dec. 1, 1990, at Belleville Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Connole was a former administrator at Washington University in St. Louis and at St. Louis Community College. He was assistant to the president of Washington U. from 1948-61. From 1961-76, he was assistant to the chancellor at St. Louis Community College.

He moved to Fairview Heights 30 years ago.

Mr. Connole was an Army lieutenant colonel and served two years in the South Pacific area during World War II. He later served in the Army Reserve and was the commanding officer of the 602nd Transportation Battalion at St. Louis.

He received a master's degree at Washington University and was a member of Masonic Triple Lodge #335 of Granite City for more than 50 years. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Sons of the American Revolution in Belleville.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite (Polette) Connole of Fairview Heights; a daughter, Mrs. Mike (Marion) Peters of Sarasota, Fla.; three grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Navy Cmdr. David R. Connole, who was killed in action in World War II in 1945.

Visitation was held Monday at Kosloski Funeral Service in Fairview Heights, where a Sons of the American Revolution service and a Masonic service were conducted. Funeral services were conducted there Tuesday by the Rev. Gerald K. Kuehne. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Fairview Heights Library Association.

Memorials are suggested as memorials.

Memorials are suggested for the American Cancer Society.

Venice schools pleased with third grade pupils' progress

By Bob Slatte

Staff writer

VENICE — The Board of Education for Venice Community Unit School District 3 is currently pleased with the test results of the 1989 third-grade class.

That viewpoint was expressed while the board was reviewing the state "report card" grading district, according to Superintendent of Schools Robert Vickers.

"Board members asked administrators ... to make every effort that is possible to make the class again takes the state test as sixth graders," Vickers said.

The state report card uses three tests to evaluate student performance: the Illinois Goal Assessment Program, nationally normed achievement tests, and the ACT examination.

The IGAP tests were given to third graders in the state at Venice Elementary School.

The IGAP examines student abilities in reading, language arts and mathematics, and compares students in the state with all students in the state.

On the reading examination, 41.9 percent of Venice third graders scored in the top 25 percent of students throughout Illinois. The top 25 percent of the third-grade pupils placed in the top half in language arts, but 64.5 percent were in the lower half in math.

Venice sixth and eighth graders did not fare nearly as well on the IGAP. None of them scored in the top 25 percent in math, and 59.4 percent of the sixth-grade students and 64 percent of the eighth-grade scored in the bottom 25 percent of students in the state in math.

On the reading test, 82.1 and 91.3 percent, respectively, of the sixth and eighth graders scored in the lower half in Illinois students.

More than half (57.6 percent) of the sixth grade class scored in the bottom 25 percent in language arts, but did 41.7 percent of the eighth grade class.

The nationally normed achievement test evaluates student performance in reading, math, science and social science.

On the reading test, 94.1 percent of Venice third-grade students scored in the top half of all students in the state, while 77.2 percent of sixth graders and 77.2 percent of eighth grade class scored in the bottom half.

Similarly, 33.3 percent of third graders scored in the top quartile in math, but 52.9 percent of sixth graders and 48.4 percent of

eighth graders scored in the bottom quartile.

Two-thirds of the third-grade class scored in the top half in social science, while 80 percent of eighth graders scored in the lower half. Percentages were similar on the science examination.

The ACT is a test designed to predict how well college-bound students will fare in higher education.

Scores range from one to 36. The test is administered to elev-

enth-grade students, and examines English and math skills. It also provides a composite score.

Venice High School students averaged 16.1 on the English exam and 15.3 in math, compared with a state average of 20.9 in English and 20.5 in math. The Venice average score was 15.9; the state average was 15.8.

The report card shows that the Venice district spends a larger portion of its funds (35.5 percent) on student education than the average school in the state (75.8 percent).

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GRANITE CITY — There is a new program just starting in the Quad City area. It is a program of the people for all people.

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"Free transportation has been

arranged through the Knights of Columbus in Granite City from the warehouse to the Quad Cities' distribution site, where volunteers are needed to sign-up and distribution monthly.

"The program is nationwide, but the local program is supplied from Springfield.

"This plan is available for everyone; there are no financial requirements, the only requirements are the \$13 and two hours of charitable work of some type at hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins, schools, Come Share.

"The \$13 can be paid in food stamps, too. The money and time will cover one unit of food, and additional units can be

bought at the same rate of \$13 and two hours of work.

"Currently, the program is operating at the Community Center of Holy Family, 1000 Sheridan, Alton, Illinois City, because of its central location and the large available space, needed for sign-up and distribution.

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Woman judge is reassigned to Chicago

By David Migoya
Staff writer

St. Clair County Associate Judge Sheila O'Brien, the first woman to sit on the bench in the Metro East area, resigned Tuesday because of her upcoming marriage to a Chicago judge.

In a fairy-tale twist of events, the Illinois Supreme Court accepted O'Brien's resignation, which becomes effective Feb. 1, and in the same move recalled her to serve in Cook County as an associate judge.

O'Brien, 35, who has been an associate judge since 1985 and has presided over juvenile court since February, mailed her resignation Nov. 20 to Justice J. Moran, the state's chief justice. On Nov. 26, Moran's office sent a copy of the order to recall O'Brien to Chicago.

O'Brien had engaged to marry Cook County Circuit Judge Wayne B. Andersen, 45, sometime after Christmas.

St. Clair County Chief Judge Stephen Kernal said O'Brien had been in a "refreshing" position relative to the bench and a "commitment to outside activities" he said other jurists should emulate.

"Her activities in the community were outstanding and I wish the rest of our judges were as active as she," Kernal said.

On Wednesday, the Cook County Bar Association accepted Andersen's resignation using his political influence to obtain O'Brien's appointment.

However, the Chicago Bar Association, the county's largest and most influential organization of attorneys, on Friday said the appointment is not seen as a politically influenced move.

From our point of view, Judge Andersen is a highly qualified judge and the perspective here is not an issue of his political connections," said Laurel Bellows, vice president of the Chicago Bar Association. "It's only in need of judges and this gives us a judge we will need to fill some gaps."

Andersen served as deputy secretary of state for Governor-elect Jim Edgar from 1981 to 1984.

On Thursday, Andersen and O'Brien denied allegations made

Search for a judge begins

By David Migoya
Staff writer

BELLEVILLE — Just five months after St. Clair County circuit judges elected the county's second woman judge to the bench, they are faced with having to seek replacement for the first female judge.

Chief Circuit Judge Stephen Kernal on Wednesday said he expects "at least a dozen" applicants for the spot vacated by Associate Judge Sheila O'Brien following her resignation last week.

"I can't say it was unexpected, given the romantic overtones we

by Freddrena Lyle, the bar's president.

"Sure I'm very good friends with (Jim) Edgar, but this was a matter for the Supreme Court to decide," Andersen said from Chicago. "Sheila was recalled because she is an outstanding judge and has an outstanding reputation in the state."

Andersen said Friday that O'Brien had the option to reject her assignment.

Andersen said they considered moving to St. Clair County after their marriage, but "it would be difficult to squeeze another judge into the 20th Circuit," he said.

On Thursday, O'Brien said she and Andersen asked the state supreme court to assign her her.

"We asked them and presented to them," she said. "It's silly not to say that. But I believe in public service and they can pull the appointment at any time."

In Cook County, which has 375 judges, about two judges a month resign from the bench, Andersen said. Because of the high turnover, "it made perfect sense to recall her here," he said.

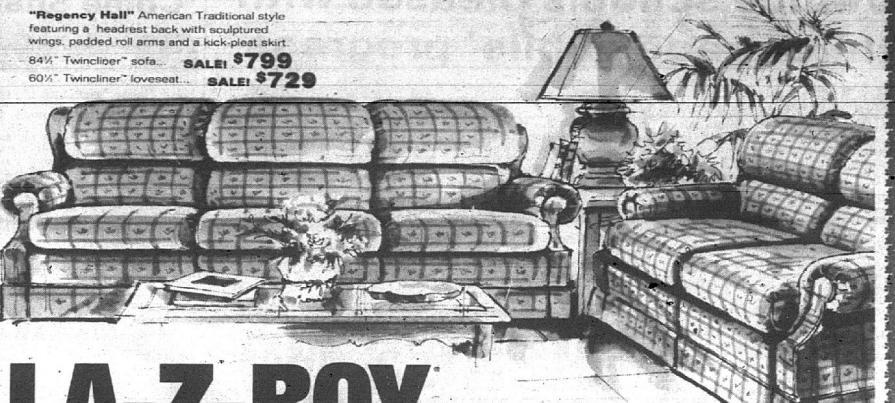
For O'Brien, who has been active not only in professional organizations but in civic and welfare groups in the Belleville area, the move is, in some ways, a sad one.

"This will always be home to me," she said Tuesday. "It is here where I was born and educated. I believe in a sense of community, of commitment to public service and concern for public affairs."

Chief Justice Moran has not yet met O'Brien to any court, though officials believe it is unlikely she will serve under Andersen, who is supervising judge of the Chicago Traffic Court.

O'Brien received a favorable review by Cook County Court Watchers Inc. while serving a one-week assignment there in January. The group, a watchdog organization, reviewed judges' performance on the bench.

All state judges are required to serve short terms in Cook County.



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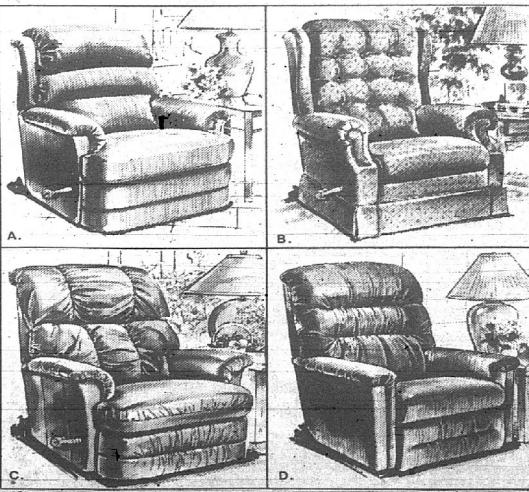
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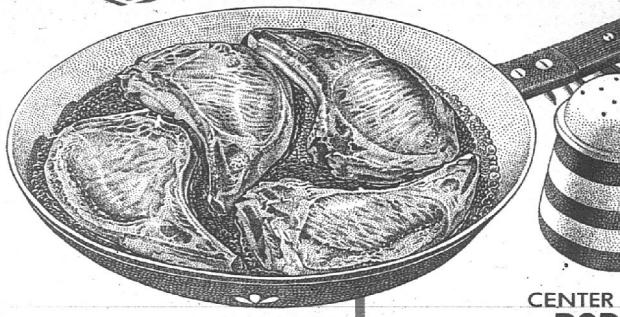
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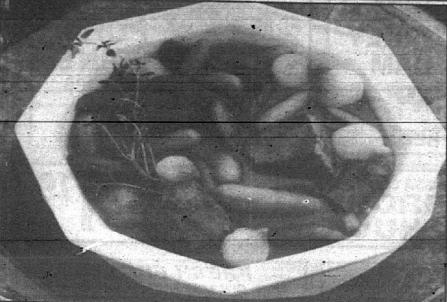
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THE JOY OF SHARING good times with others receives a boost from a friendly bowl of beef stew.

Try a bowl of beef stew for some easy eating

Entertaining is synonymous with the holidays. But not all get-togethers need to be formal affairs. Informal gatherings of friends offer a welcome respite from busy schedules, without major investments of either time or money on the part of a host and hostess.

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This tasty stew features economical beef — a strip, so it does not break a straining holiday budget. Braising, slowly simmering the beef, makes the meat extra tender while allowing the meat to absorb the delicate flavorings of thyme, garlic and burgundy wine.

Add frozen vegetables — a colorful array of whole baby carrots, pearl onions and sugar snap peas — just before it is to be served.

Burgundy beef and vegetable stew
1 lb. beef for stew, cut in 1/2 inch

pieces
1 tbsp. oil
1 tsp. thyme leaves
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 can (13 1/2 oz.) beef broth
1 cup burgundy wine
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen whole baby carrots
2 cups frozen whole pearl onions
2 tbsp. cornstarch
1 tbsp. water
1 pkg. (8 oz.) frozen sugar snap peas

Brown beef for stew, half at a time, in oil in Dutch oven. Pour off drippings.

Sprinkle thyme, salt and pepper over beef. Add beef broth, wine and cornstarch. Stir to combine. Bring to boil. Simmer, covered tightly, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours until beef is tender.

Stew may be prepared to this point, covered and refrigerated for up to 24 hours.

Add carrots and onions. Continue cooking, covered, 15 minutes.

Combine cornstarch and water. Stir into stew with sugar snap peas. Bring to boil. Boil 2 minutes, stirring constantly.

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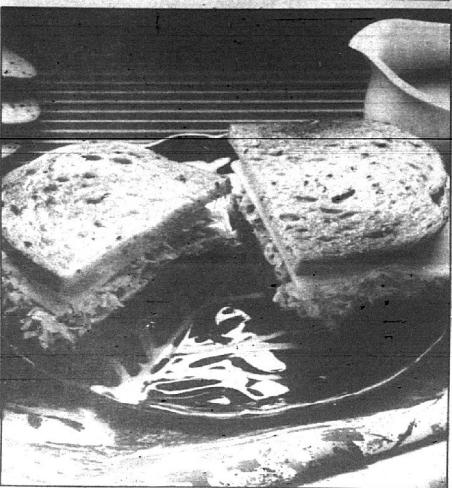
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A CLASSIC REUBEN Sandwich is handy to fix for one or two people, while ingredients also are easy to keep on hand to please a crowd.

German sauerkraut speaks highly of Chinese background

Sauerkraut, contrary to most popular belief, is not necessarily a German dish. It can be traced back 2,000 years to the Great Wall of China. Laborers building it supplemented their rice diet with turnips or cabbage preserved in salt.

A thousand years later Genghis Khan tasted it while he was plundering China, then took it to a formal introduction to Europe. Germans have given it a name. Sauerkraut is a Teutonic term meaning sour cabbage. It helped avoid scurvy on explorers in the 1700s because of its vitamin C content.

Because it keeps well, it is a perfect staple to keep on the pantry shelf of a single person or small family, whether they be Chinese, German or Dutch. It is also economical.

Today, kraut plays an important role in the lives of the Pennsylvania Dutch. A tradition continuing that the Christmas and New Year's menu should include kraut. At Christmas, it is served with turkey, goose or chicken because the fowl scratches back and往前 (going into the old year is bold). At the New Year's, it's served with pork because the pig runs forward, signifying the year that lies ahead. Hog, however, who believes that in order to assure good luck, Kraut should be the first food eaten as the new year rings in.

Here are a couple classic ways of eating sauerkraut.

Reuben sandwich

Butter or margarine, softened
Bacon
Sauerkraut, chilled with all moisture removed
Kosher-style beef brisket, sliced very thin
Emmenthaler or Swiss cheese
Homemade thousand island

dressing or 1 egg yolk added to 1 pt. commercial dressing

Butter both sides of bread. On one slice, place 5 or 6 slices chilled beef brisket. On the other slice, place 3 or 4 slices Swiss cheese.

Mix kraut with thousand-island dressing. Place small dollop about the size of an ice cream scoop of kraut mixture on both sides of bread.

Put sandwich together and grill, pressing sandwich occasionally with large spatula.

Makes 1 sandwich.

Thousand Island dressing: Mix together 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon chili sauce, 1/2 tablespoon finely chopped celery, 1 tablespoon finely chopped pimento, 1 tablespoon finely chopped green pepper and 1 hard boiled egg, coarsely chopped. Fold in 1/2 cup whipped cream.

Kraut and chop skillet

2 pork chops
1/2 medium onion, sliced
1/2 cup sauerkraut, drained
1 cup beer
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 tbsp. chopped pimento, if desired
1/2 tsp. caraway seed
Salt and pepper

Trim excess fat from chops. Cook fat trimmings until about 1 tablespoon fat accumulates in skillet.

Brown chops and onion in hot fat. Remove chops from skillet.

In skillet, combine kraut, beer, brown sugar, pimento and caraway seed with onion. Simmer 5 minutes.

Place chops on top. Season with salt and pepper. Simmer, covered, 25 to 30 minutes. Uncover. Simmer 5 more minutes until chops are tender. Makes 2 servings.

Know how to prepare meal after a 'disaster'

The following is by Sharon Scherer, home economics advisor for the Monroe County Extension Service.

There are many different kinds of disasters.

Earthquakes, floods, fires, airplane crashes, chemical spills, pipeline leaks, explosions and other small and large, seldom give warning and are always equally devastating to their victims.

These food planning tips will benefit you and your family should any disaster strike you.

*Choose foods your family likes.

*Keep food in the driest and coolest spot in the house and choose a dark area, if possible.

*Keep all food covered at all times.

*Open food boxes or cans carefully so that you can close them tightly after each use.

*Wrap bread, cookies or crackers in plastic wrap and keep them in tight containers.

*Empty opened packages of

sugar, dried fruits or nuts into screw-top jars or airtight containers because insects and rodents may be a problem.

*Do not hoard.

*Don't forget canned and non-perishable food items for pets.

*Date and rotate food supplies stored for emergency foods in cans whenever possible.

*Make it a rule that you eat at least one square meal every day.

*Drink adequate amounts of liquids, water, juice, beverages to enable your body to function properly.

*Varieties may be limited but calorie intake should be ample in order to meet energy needs and to provide protein to do important work.

*In your disaster planning, experiment by serving your family a "disaster" menu. Practice by serving your family a disaster meal once a month so that they will be familiar with survival food preparation.

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More motoring moms making cellular phone connection

By Roger McGrath
Journal correspondent

Cellular telephones are not just for busy executives and salesmen.

On-the-go moms, shuttling youngsters from home to school for extracurricular activities, also find mobile phones useful for coordinating the family taxi business, say sellers of cellular equipment.

This "consumer," or non-business, market is the industry's fastest growing segment, they add.

There is considerable growth here. "There's a lot of room for growth," says Greg Stroup, a business development manager for Cybertel Corp., one of two providers of cellular service locally.

Experts predict 25 to 50 percent of the population eventually will purchase and use cellular telephones.

Stroup says cellular phones are not just for the rich. "We work on Rolls Royces to Volkswagen Beetles," says Greg Amundson, president of Cellular Concepts Inc., Creve Coeur.

Pierce Powers, an insurance broker who lives in Clayton, says a cellular phone gives the ability to stay in constant communication with home and office.

That observation led him to conclude that his wife, Shirley, a family cabbie who ferries five children to three different schools plus sports activities, could use a mobile phone.

It was her Christmas present last year.

The cellular phone has done many of the same things for her that it's done for me for business. It allows me to stay in touch, instead of being isolated while in the car, he says.

A prime example of a cellular phone's consumer use came during

the severe storm that hit the area.

Sue Powers arrived at school to pick up a daughter just as the tornado sirens began blaring.

While sitting in the parking lot, she telephoned the other two schools her children attend and told school employees to keep her children at the schools until she could pick them up, rather than have them start walking home in the rain.

"It's certainly taken a lot of the stress and pressure out of being in the car," she says.

If one of the youngsters arrives home while she's still on the road, she checks in with them telling them when she'll arrive.

If she's running late for an appointment, she'll call ahead. To do without a car phone, she'd have to get out of the way and find a phone booth a process that could take 10 to 15 minutes, she says.

The cellular phone also proved itself useful another emergency. Sue Powers and her mother-in-law, nine children in tow, recently were ready to leave Cahokia Monday. State Park whizbangs had punctured a mother-in-law's car had a flat tire. The park museum already was

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So the used the mother-in-law's car phone. "Pierce Powers' original cellular unit — to summon the motor club.

Cellular phone dealers say customers have told them they have used their car phone to report accidents, debris on the roadway and the location of drunken drivers.

To handle such calls, law enforcement agencies have set up special phone numbers. 511

in Illinois and 911 in Missouri.

Subscribers to the Cybertel and Southwestern Bell mobile systems' networks are able to make calls anywhere within an area generally bounded on the

north by Pere Marquette State Park near Grafton, on the east by Eads, on the south by DeSoto, Mo., and on the west by Wright City, Mo. Limited service also is available in a corridor along I-70 as far west as Columbia, Mo., and in a corridor along I-44 as far south as Rolla, Mo.

State-of-the-art mounted units with built-in answering machines and speaker phones for hands-free calling fetch \$2,999 to \$4,999.

The hottest seller is the portable unit. McKuin says.

He says the consumer market first blossomed last Christmas when local department stores began selling units, says Rich McKuin, president of Cybertel Communications Corp., west St. Louis County.

Even major grocery stores, as well as a host of consumer electronics outlets, now have gotten into the act.

Lower price is another reason the market is growing. Mounted units that cost \$3,000 when cellular first came on the market three years ago cost \$300 to \$800, says Arthur Guiler, president of Warner Communications Corp., Ballwin.

Air time can be expensive, up to 50 cents a minute, though package plans can cut that cost. A \$34.95 plan by Cybertel gives 100 minutes of peak time each month; each extra minute costs 34 cents.

"I tell people to treat it just like a long-distance phone call," Amundson says. Bell Mobile offers an extensive plan where the average subscriber's monthly bill is \$70 to \$80; Cybertel's is \$100. Stroup says.

They are outselling mounted units two-to-one at McKuin's shop. Hand-held models, priced \$399 to \$999, are caught on more yet, McKuin adds.

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1991 will bring changes in Social Security and in Medicare program's cost, coverage

By Bill Hunot
Social Security Administration

The good news for 1991 is the 5.4 percent increase in Social Security benefits scheduled for Jan. 3.

The bad news is that Medicare will cost a little more and cover a little less.

The monthly premium for Medicare Medical Insurance (Part B) will increase to \$99 in 1991, from \$93. The \$6 increase will come at the same time the average monthly Social Security benefit will increase by \$31.

Medicare premiums for the following several years were also decided in the budget bill recently passed by Congress and signed by the President.

The premium in 1992 will be \$31.75, in 1993 it will be \$33. The premium in 1994 will be \$41.10. In 1995, it will be \$46.10.

In addition to larger premium increases in Medicare deductibles, mean out-of-pocket financial burden on patients or on their other insurance. The share of Part B expenses patients pay before Medicare begins helping will be \$25 more per year.

Medicare has been kicking in after \$75 of approved expenses are incurred in a year. But next year's deductible will be \$100.

The patient's share of hospitalization costs will also increase. In 1991, the Hospital Insurance (Part A) deductible will be \$628 per admission. That's up from \$592 last year.

The Part A deductible is due for every hospitalization unless it's been less than 60 days since the patient's last hospital stay.

Length of stay in the hospital will also be more costly. If a Medicare patient is in the hospital for more than 60 days at a time, a daily charge is added to his share of expenses.

That charge, called a co-insurance or co-payment, will be \$157 per day for the 61st through 90th day and \$314 beginning with the 91st day.

I've never worked in Social Security-covered work, but I always worked in the railroad industry. Will I be able to get Medicare when I turn 65?

A. Yes. You can qualify for Medicare through work that was covered by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB). Coverage is the same as it is for Social Security, but claims are handled at a different office. Travelers Insurance Co. has a contract to handle all Part B claims for RRB annuitants. Consult "Your Medicare Handbook for Railroad Retirement Beneficiaries" or call the RRB for Travelers address in your region.

I own a small catering business, and I will have to report my employees' wages to Social Security by diskette instead of on paper. What are there any written instructions that can help me get started?

A. Write to Social Security Administration, AWR Software Improvement Project; Altmeier Building, Room 430; 6401 Security Blvd.; Baltimore, Md. 21235.

Ask for "Software Standards and Edit Criteria for Annual Wage Reporting - Tax Year 1990." The booklet will tell you everything you need to know about reporting wages by magnetic media (computer diskettes or tape). It may also be useful for smaller firms that still use paper reports.

Only about 7 percent of U.S. employers report wages to Social Security by magnetic media, but they employ 70 percent of the nation's workers.

Send your questions about Social Security to Bill Hunot, St. Louis News Service, 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 108, St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

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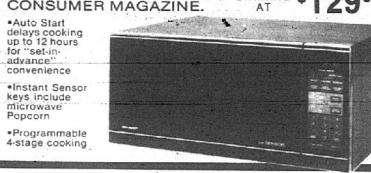
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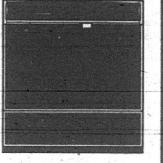
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December 5 - 30

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December 8

Springfield. A Christmas Remembrance of POW's and MIA's. Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Oak Ridge Cemetery (1 p.m.). (217) 782-2717.

December 8 - 9

Lima. 1845 Christmas at Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site. Join Families of pioneers to learn about Southern Upland and Yankee Christmases. (217) 345-6489.

December 8 - 9, 15 - 16, 22 - 23, 29 - 30

Springfield. Christmas at the Dana-Thomas house. Live music in the Frank Lloyd Wright house. The house will be lit with luminaria on December 23rd from 4:30 - 9:00 p.m. (217) 782-6776 call for times.

December 9

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Tips for selling a home relate to timing, taxes, cash flow

By Sylvia Porter

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

People across the nation share a common problem — it's hard to sell a house.

Some home owners forge ahead and trade up to a new home before their current home is sold. They often live to regret it.

Before moving, be sure to understand the tax and cash flow implications of such a bold action in this rough market. The cost rules are cumulative. The cost basis you have in your present home always equals your cost, minus your gain, rolled over and not recognized on all prior homes.

If you show a loss from rental

Most people try to sell their home within two years after buying their new home. This is the time limit the government sets for "rolling over the profits" without paying taxes. If you do not sell your house within two years, buying a new one, you eventually will pay capital gains taxes.

What most commonly happens when you try to sell or buy a home is little more than a long investment of your lifetime? Methenitis suggests three possibilities and some tips for each situation:

You are moving. You think you can sell your house, but you know it will take time to sell it.

You can "tread water" by renting your old house while you wait.

As long as you sell within a two-year period, you still will qualify for tax rollover of the capital gains from the sale, provided your dominant motivation is to buy a new home. All of the facts and circumstances are important in showing motive.

There are important records to keep. Get advice from your attorney or accountant.

You can deduct a limited amount of expenses involved in maintaining the house for rental. Keep in mind that you are selling your house, not it's sit back. If your mortgage payments are higher than the rent you can get, you will dig in your pockets each month for pay-

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After two years, you have still not been able to sell your house.

Now that you haven't sold your house within the rollover period, consider renting it and waiting until its value increases. You will pay capital gains taxes when you sell.

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Once you have passed the two-year time frame, there is no point in categorizing the house for sale.

It pays to classify it as rental property. Having done this, you will qualify for all deductions attributable to rental properties, not just a limited number of deductions.

You now will qualify for rental real estate exclusions that are part of the passive loss rules, one of the few tax shelters still available.

If you show a loss from rental

real estate activities, you can deduct up to \$25,000 of that loss against other income, such as salary or interest. This special exclusion begins to phase out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income of more than \$100,000.

Your house has not sold and you are losing money — the house's value is decreasing.

Don't expect to deduct the loss when you sell. If you paid \$120,000 for your house and it's now worth \$100,000, you cannot deduct a \$20,000 loss when you

sell it.

Because you cannot deduct your loss on personal-use property, one way to turn a negative into a positive is to convert the house to a rental property as it becomes a business property.

You still cannot deduct the loss that occurred before conversion, but any loss after the conversion is deductible.

If you want to convert your home to a rental property (either because you are past the two-year rollover period or because you anticipate a tax

loss), you must document your profit motive.

If your house is a rental property, be sure to treat and report it that way, and not as a second home.

If you have a vacation house, plus the house you are selling and a house you just bought, be aware that you can deduct mortgage interest for only two houses.

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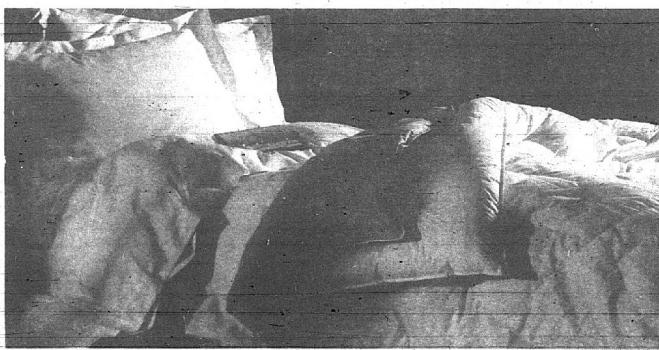
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Christmastime film slate is full

The Christmas movie season, which traditionally runs from about Thanksgiving through Dec. 4, already has spawned films like "Home Alone," "Dances With Wolves" and "Misery." But there will be at least 11 more motion pictures released by Christmas Day.

Following is a list of those films by release date.

Dec. 7: "The Rookie," a cop-as-buddy movie starring Tom Hanks and Eastwood and Charlie Sheen. Dec. 14: "Mermaids," with Cher playing a non-conformist parent. "Havana," a story that bears a striking resemblance to "Casablanca," starring starring Robert Redford and Lena Olin.

Dec. 19: "Almost an Angel," a film starring Paul "Crocodile Dundee" Hogan as a thief who believes he has been reincarnated as an angel.

Dec. 20: "Awakenings," a film with Robin Williams playing a poorly-responding patient, directed by Robert DeNiro, from 20 years in a trance-like state.

Dec. 21: "Kindergarten Cop," with Arnold Schwarzenegger playing a policeman who goes undercover as a kindergarten teacher.

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finding way to the Rep. In the midst of the most successful season in its 24-year history, the Repertory Theater of St. Louis also is succeeding in attracting financial support from the corporate community.

The Metropolitan Life Foundation has given the Rep a \$5,000 grant under its "Year of the Books" for "A Day in Blywood/A Night in the Ukraine," running through Dec. 28 on the Mainstage. The grant comes on the heels of an announcement that AT&T is providing \$20,000 to fund the Rep's Studio Theater season, a 110-seat theater on the lower level of the Rep.

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Go-Go's have open minds this time around

When the Go-Go's broke up four years ago, the idea of a reunion seemed unthinkable to the five members of the band.

"We were inseparable. We didn't like each other," guitarist Charlotte Caffey said of the acrimonious split. "We didn't talk to each other for years."

But 1990 finds the Go-Go's as the most unlikely of touring bands.

"We've been having a really great time and the fans have been incredible," Caffey said. "We really appropriate things more this time around."

Or its first go-around, the band members, which also include Belinda Carlisle on

vocals, Jane Wiedlin on guitars and Kathy Valentine on bass and Gina Schock on drums, learned a lot about themselves and how quickly a great situation can go sour.

Part of the problem was the fast pace the band found itself on, Caffey said. The group's 1981 debut album, "Beauty and the Beast," had its catchy hit single "Our Lips Are Sealed" made the Go-Go's instant stars. Two more albums followed quickly: "Vacation" in 1982 and "Talk Show" in 1984. But by 1986 the group was finished.

"Everything happened so fast and we were much younger then," Caffey said. "It's just like, it was pretty overwhelming."



Alan Sculley

It was three years of playing clubs and a couple of personnel changes, and then making three albums in the next four years...

Constant touring between albums also took a heavy toll, she said.

"We toured once for two years straight, which is really what put, at least me, over the top," Caffey said.

The band also had problems with touchy egos and insecurities, she said.

"We've got to let a band breathe which you're not working that close together," Caffey said. "We're in secure with ourselves and it just kind of affected everyone. We were worried, 'Oh, I'm not good enough' or 'I'm not going with the rock band' Sparks."

That the band could even go

through such turmoil surprised the band members, who had all naively believed the Go-Go's would stay on top forever.

Time, however, helped to heal the strained friendships in the band, and last fall they decided to get together for dinner.

"It was, you know, a little scary and a little bit of everyone was a little nervous. But it was a really good time and that kind of opened the door," Caffey said.

Soon afterward, the group decided to take things a step further and reunite for a benefit concert to support the Environmental Protection Initiative.

The show, which was last March, went well, Caffey said. Just after leaving the stage, the band members voted to reunite for the current tour.

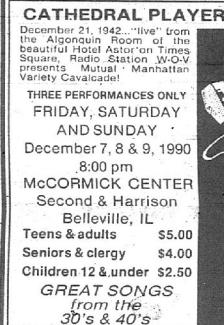
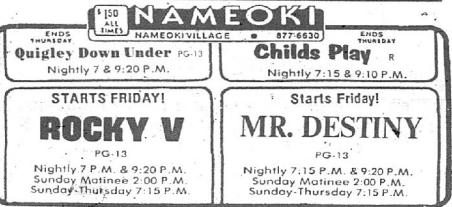
Whether the tour will lead to a more permanent reunion is any one's guess, Caffey said.

"I think everyone's keeping an open mind, and if it's meant to be, it will happen," said Caffey.



THE MEMBERS of the Go-Go's are, clockwise from top left, Kathy Valentine, Charlotte Caffey, Gina Schock, Jane Wiedlin and Belinda Carlisle.

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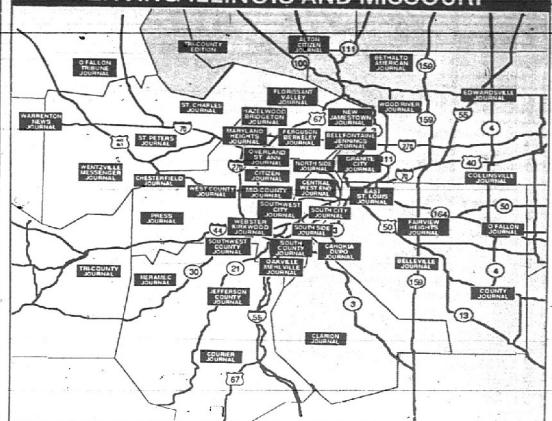
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4 December blood drives here

The American Red Cross will be conducting four blood drives here during December.

A blood drive on Saturday, Dec. 8, will be sponsored by the Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department. The drive will be held at Fire Department No. 1, located at 111 East Chain of Rocks Road, Mitchell, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 14, the Red Cross will conduct a blood drive which will be sponsored by the Hotel Plaza, Super Center, Illinois 3 and Niedringhaus Avenue. The drive will be held in the Education Center from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

The Suburban Baptist Church will sponsor a blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 2500 St. Clair Ave., Granite City. The drive will be held in the New Fellowship Hall from 2:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The other drive will be held also on Thursday, Dec. 20, and will be sponsored by St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City. The drive will be conducted in the Ketteler Center gymnasium from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds to be eligible to participate.

Bi-State expanding its van service in Missouri

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

Bi-State's Call-A-Ride service will be available to the general public from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays beginning Dec. 10.

Previously, weekday early-morning trips between 6 a.m. and evening trips from 5 to 7 p.m. were limited to persons with disabilities.

The expanded service, possible because Bi-State is putting more vans on the street, is expected to "significantly reduce the number of trip denials, which are caused by insufficient capacity to meet the demand," a

spokeswoman said.

Call-A-Ride is a curb-to-curb service offered by the St. Louis area's principal provider of public transit. Offered in areas with little or no transit service, Call-A-Ride's drivers pick up riders at their homes and take them where they need to go. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

"A one-way fare is \$1 for the elderly, children under the age of 42, and disabled people with a Bi-State identification card. The one-way fare is \$2 for all others.

For more information about Call-A-Ride and its service areas, and to make reservations, these offices can be called between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays: North County, 534-4144; west county, 296-8888; and south county, 534-2255.

The addition of 10 vans on weekdays on the early morning and afternoon runs will provide the seats necessary to carry the general public to its destinations.

Thirty-three vans, an increase of nine, will operate during the busy mid-day period on weekdays, and 14 vans, an increase of four, will now operate on Saturday.

days, she said. Call-A-Ride began providing service on Oct. 1, although that service has shorter hours.

Trip denials totaled \$60,000 in fiscal 1990, which ended June 30. Bi-State officials have cited Call-A-Ride's "capacity (van capacity)" for the number of denials.

Bi-State executives expect the expanded service to move to more double last year's ridership of 153,000.

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